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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN PERMREP

CAICEDO

- 1. NEWLY ARRIVED COLOMBIAN PERMREP CAICEDO'S COURTESY CALL (AT OWN REQUEST) ON AMB. SCALI OCTOBER 22 LED TO INTERESTING 30 MINUTE DISCUSSION OF US-LA RELATIONSHIP AND LA ROLE IN UN.
- 2. CAICEDO SAID LA'S IN GENERAL PLACED GREAT HOPE
 IN SECRETARY KISSINGER. LA DELEGATES TO UN PARTICULARLY
 IMPRESSED BY SECRETARY'S "HUMILITY" IN TACITLY ADMITTING
 TO THEM AT LA LUNCHEON THAT HE JUST BEGINNING TO FAMILIARIZE
 HIMSELF WITH PROBLEMS OF REGION. CAICEDO WELCOMED SECRETARY'S CALL FOR "DIALOGUE" AND ADDED LA'S NOW LOOK TO US
 FOR "FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RATHER THAN PATERNAL GUIDANCE."
 CAICEDO HOPED THAT SECRETARY WOULD PROPEL THIS DIALOGUE BY
 SENDING MESSAGE TO LA FONMINS CONCLAVE IN BOGOTA NEXT
 MONTH.
- 3. AMB. SCALI SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A DIALOGUE MAKES CLEAR THAT LA IS ONE OF PRIORITY AREAS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF US FOREIGN POLICY. AMB. SCALI CONGRATULATED CAICEDO

ON COLOMBIAN FONMIN VASQUEZ' "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ANSWER" TO SECRETARY'S CALL FOR DIALOGUE AND NOTED THAT US VERY INTERESTED IN BOGOTA MEETING SINCE IT WOULD MARK START OF DISCUSSION

- 4. CAICEDO URGED US AT THIS TIEM TO ADVANCE CONCRETE IDEAS TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIP WITH LA, THEREBY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FAVORABLE CLIMATE CREATED FOR IT IN LA BY COLLAPSE OF ALLENDE REGIME. CAICEDO CLAIMED THAT IN LA "NOT EVEN LEFTISTS" HAVE ACCUSED US OF OVERTHROWING ALLENDE SINCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT LATTER HAD BROUGHT ABOUT HIS OWN UNDOING. WHEN AMB. SCALI INTERJECTED THAT CASTRO HAD CERTAINLY CHARGED US COMPLICITY IN CHILEAN COUP, CAICEDO DISMISSED CUBAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US WITH THE COMMENT THAT CASTRO ISOLATED IN LA ON THIS ISSUE.
- 5. TURNING TO UN, CAICEDO ADMITTED THAT LA INFLUENCE HAD DECREASED IN COMPARISON WITH ASIA AND AFRICA.

 LA'S, HE FELT, STILL HAVE UNIQUE ROLE TO PLAY IN UN SINCE THEY ACT AS BRIDGE BETWEEN WESTERN WORLD AND UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS, SHARING COMMON VALUES WITH US AND EUROPE AND PROBLEMS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT WITH AFRO-ASIANS. COLOMBIA IN UN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CHARTER REFROM IN ORDER TO BRING UN INTO CONFORMITY WITH REALITIES OF THE PRESENT WORLD. CAICEDO THOUGHT THAT US EXPLICIT ENDORSEMENT OF PERMANENT SC SEAT FOR JAPAN DEMONSTRATED US SHARES COLOMBIA'S CONCERN FOR REFORMING THE CHARTER. COLOMBIA ALSO PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON MULTILATERAL AID PROGRAMS AND THEREFORE IS SEEKING ECOSOC SEAT.
- 6. AMB SCALI PRAISED COLOMBIA'S CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN UN AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO MISSIONS HERE. AMB. SCALI THANKED CAICEDO FOR COLOMBIA'S DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY KOREA RESOLUTION. AMB. SCALI SAID US LOOKED FORWARD TO COLOMBIA'S MEMBERSHIP ON ECOSOC AND PROMISED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUGH WITH COLOMBIA ON ECOSOC MATTERS.

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